



The Chimes

Traditional Services 8:30 & 10:15 am - Praise Service: 11:15 am in the Speck Center

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Church Staff

- Pastor - Doug Garrard
- Associate Pastor - Denn Denning
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- Asst. Director of Youth Ministries - Kathy Aposhian
- Director of Children's Ministries - Diana Miller
- Volunteer Coordinator - Shirley Darrow

PDCPC Kids Keep Busy in the Summer and in the Fall

Along with the very successful Vacation Bible School (140 children attended) and in the spirit of giving to those less fortunate, our summer families at the PDCPC Preschool and Kindergarten helped the Deacons with their 'Christmas in July' mission. Paper, canned goods, and clothing were collected to benefit the families at the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.



Kids help Deacons with Christmas in July

At the end of the day, after all your donations were dropped off, the CVRM truck left our parking lot filled to the brim!!! Pictured are some of our students and the "fruits of their endeavors."

On September 13th, 2007, the school will begin its annual fall fundraising activities.

◇ Innisbrook Wraps returns for another year with exciting wrapping paper and holiday gifts for the entire family.

fundraiser makes profits available for classroom enhancements and school improvements.

On September 23rd, 2007 the preschool will have a table set up in the square publicizing our fundraiser. Stop by and take a look!

Also Sept 4th from 9 -11 is Visitation Day, a time to come with your children to meet

their teachers and see their classrooms, and Sept 20 is Back to School Night for Parents. Be sure to watch for news about the Parents Bible Study with Pastor Julie and Jan Garrard.

Maddy Simpson is the new Preschool and Kindergarten Director. Born and raised in New York,

◇ Red Apple also makes a return visit with their cookie dough. I have tried their cookies and can honestly say that they are delicious! As the holidays roll around, remember cookies make wonderful gifts and treats!

Your participation in our

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From Pastor Doug

Therefore, I urge you, brothers (and sisters), in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

Romans 12:1-6

Throughout the Bible the story of God's grace demonstrates that change and transformation occurs by faith in Jesus Christ and through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. As God is at work redeeming and changing us we are called upon to yield to and appropriate the resurrection life of the Lord Jesus so that we may become transformed into His image. The change that God is accomplishing involves the presentation of ourselves to God and this is "our spiritual worship". As one author has stated, "The presentation of the self as a sacrifice involves the totality of the individual -- mind and body, will and spirit. Indeed, to make such an offering involves a decisive act of one's own will --." In Romans 12, Paul affirms that there is an ever-present temptation to try to "fit in" with the world and culture around us. What Paul calls Christians to do instead is to be changed and to be transformed. This transformation involves a complete, radical, re-centering of the self in Christ. Our transformation is to be toward the 'good, acceptable and perfect will and plan of God'. Also, the change and transformation includes God's call and equipping to be the Church, that is, the Body of Jesus Christ in the world. Paul is calling for a recognition of the wide variety of individual strengths or gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to us and that must be used to aid and benefit the entire church along with the plan of God's mission outreach to the ends of the earth.

As we continue to grow in and are strengthened by God's grace, love and life, let us continue to dedicate ourselves to the exercise and sharing of our gifts so that the story of God's salvation in Christ Jesus can be further shared and experienced. There are no small or insignificant gifts. All gifts are equally important and crucial for the body's continued vitality. Our responsibility as the members of Christ's church is to discover what gifts we possess and to use them for the further glorification of God.

With love and appreciation for your partnership in Christ,

Pastor Doug

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Sign up now for our Mariner Bus Trips

Participating in Mariners activities is guaranteed to bring new friends into your life. These functions are for all adults in our church and are a perfect way to enjoy Christian fellowship.

Registration: Registration forms may be turned in to the Mariner's Booth which opens the first Sunday in October or you may mail the form with your check (made payable to Mariners) to: BOB WHITNEY, 38521 Commons Valley Dr, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

Gratuities: Your registration fee includes a gratuity for the driver.

Travelers Needing Assistance: Persons needing individual assistance for walking, dining, or other personal needs must be accompanied by an able companion. Certain trips and features are not wheelchair or walker accessible.

Cancellation Policy: Because of expenses incurred and commitments made when we plan the trips, the following will apply: If you cancel up to 14 days before the event, your money will be refunded minus a \$10 per person administrative charge.

Questions: Call Bob or Lois Whitney 760-341-0529

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| Wed. Nov.28 \$55 pp | A CHRISTMAS CAROL – Charles Dickens. Performed at the South Coast Repertory in Costa Mesa. |
| Wed. Dec. 5 \$55 | Crystal Cathedral – THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS Price includes transportation and performance. |
| Tues. Dec. 11 \$90 pp | Welk Christmas Show – WHITE CHRISTMAS Includes transportation, lunch and performance at the Welk Theater in Escondido. |
| Wed. Jan. 16 \$55 | J. PAUL GETTY MUSEUM in Los Angeles Features European paintings, drawings, sculpture, illuminated manuscripts, and decorative art. |
| Tues. Jan. 29 \$45 plus the entrance fee | SAN DIEGO ZOO OR MUSEUMS at Balboa Park Explore the San Diego Zoo or the various museums within the Park. A full exciting day. |
| Wed. Feb. 6 \$55 | NIXON LIBRARY in Yorba Linda The road to the presidency from the 1940's to the 1970's. See his birthplace and memorabilia from four decades |
| Tues. Feb. 26 | Tour of COACHELLA VALLEY Everything you wanted to know about our great valley and more. Bob and Lois Whitney will lead us on this unforgettable trip. We may even see Peter Rabbit. |
| Mar. 5-8 \$425 pp | Spring trip to Santa Barbara & HEARST CASTLE Three nights, four days. SOLD OUT (Wait list only) |
| Sat. Mar. 15 \$55—1:00 PM | PAGEANT OF OUR LORD - Easter Drama Rolling Hills Covenant Church. Presentation of the life of Christ through "living" reproductions of famous art work. |

REGISTRATION FOR _____

Last Name(s)

First name(s) for badges

Desert Address/Street

City/Zip

Desert Phone

Cell Phone

Email

\$Amount of Check

Check Number

Children's Ministry News

Vacation Bible Study

What a super success! Here's what people had to say: 1) A Bible teacher: "It was wonderful to see the four and five year olds listen and learn. They were so happy every day." 2) An adult crew leader: "I loved the children in my crew. It was a joy to help them in their faith walk." 3) A parent: "The theme was fantastic and so was the music. It was a great week for my child."

Upcoming Sunday School Happenings

September 9th
Sunday school "Get to know you" Breakfast at 10:00am in Miller Hall. Children will enjoy a

healthy breakfast with their teachers and classmates.

September 16th
Sunday school classes in Miller Hall begin for 3 year-olds through 5th graders.

Kids Club

It's free. It's fun.

Kids Club meets every Wednesday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm from September 26th through November 14th. New format includes Bible-related singing, Crafts, Bible Stories, and games. It's free! Space is limited so hurry to register. Kids Club is for kids from Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Alpha—An 8-week Practical Introduction to Christianity



ALPHA is a study on the basics of Christianity. ALPHA is for people seeking answers to life, people with lots of questions, people wanting to investigate Christianity, and those wishing to brush up on the basics.

Alpha is based on friendship, eating together, listening to a video presentation, and having a discussion. There are several opportunities to enjoy an 8-week Alpha study.

- An Alpha course will be offered on Wed. afternoons, Oct 17th - Dec. 5th from 3-5pm at the home of Dave and Anne Hansen in Sun City Palm Desert. Call Dave or Anne at 772-2037.
- Pastor Dennis Denning is hosting an Alpha course on the church campus on Thursdays, 2-4pm, Oct. 4th - Nov. 29th. (excluding Thanksgiving, Nov. 22nd.) Call Pastor Denn at 346-8195 ext. 15.
- Dick Franzen is leading a course entitled "Alpha in the Workplace". Dates and times TBA. Call Dick at 772-4539.

A Day of Joy—Women's Workshop Retreat

Saturday, September 29, at PDCPC

Led by Pastor Julie Hodges, and Joyce Johnson

This interactive workshop/retreat will bring smiles, thoughtful conversations, renewal of your inner spirit, and joy in the Lord to participants. Our featured speakers are Pastor Julie Hodges and her mother, Joyce Johnson.

Pre-registration will be Sundays, September 9th, 16th, and 24th, at the Women's Ministry Table.



Retreat registration will begin at 8:30 with coffee on the patio. Activities will start at 9:00 and conclude by 3:00. Catered lunch by Lois Keyser will be served at noon in Miller Hall.

Cost for the day will be \$10.00 including lunch.

Call Kathy Kolb @ 564-5904 or Pastor Julie @ 346-8195 ext. 14 with any questions.

Don't Miss Dinners for Eight 2007-2008

This season, Dinners for Eight will probably find over 200 people enjoying Christian fellowship and delicious food together. It is an enjoyable way to meet new people in our church family, and get out and about in our community.

This season we offer you a dining choice of Sunday brunch after church or the traditional evening dinner. For those who volunteer to be hosts/hostesses, letters will be mailed to you with instructions and the names of your guests.

There are two rounds of dinners. The first will be October - November and the second will be in the spring. Sign up and enjoy a pot-luck meal with new friends from church.

For more information, visit the Congregational Life Table or Mariners' Booth between services on Sundays or call Alice Miller: 760-360-2621.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR DINNERS FOR EIGHT FOR 2007/2008

Please register as soon as possible.

Name: _____

Please give first and last name(s)

Desert Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Local Phone Number _____

Away Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

I would like to attend (check one): Dinner Sunday Brunch Either

Oct-Dec 2007 Dinners I would like to host (Yes/No)

Jan-March 2008 Dinners I would like to host (Yes/No)

Which church service do you attend _____

Please mail this form to Alice Miller at 78232 Cloveridge Way, Palm Desert, CA 92211. Questions? Call Alice at 760-360-2621

MEN: SAVE THE DATE

Men's Fall Breakfast

*Desert Falls Country Club
Nov. 10, 2007 at 7:00 A.M.*

Featuring Special Guests:

JIM RILEY

Miami Dolphins Defensive Lineman
on the Super Bowl Team of the 1970's

DR. JOEL BAKER

Presbyterian minister from Edmond, OK

Plan to be with us and bring a friend!

Tid-Bits

- ☉ Remember the Back Packs for Kids project.? We delivered 188 backpacks! Wow, did we make God smile.
- ☉ Our Youth department needs snacks for all our various meetings and studies. Chips, Veggies, Fruit Trays, Cookies, Crackers – we are eaters. Please contact Kathy Aposhian 346-8195 x26.
- ☉ Church Pictorial Directories have arrived. People who are not residing here now will have the opportunity to pick up their directory in the Fall. If you attend the 8:30 or 10:15 service, you can pick up your copy in Miller Hall after the service.

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she moved to California in 1971. Maddy graduated from Mount St. Mary's College with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She comes with the support of her husband, Michael, and her two sons, Anthony and Thomas. Although our preschool is fully subscribed for 2007-2008 school year, Maddy invites you to stop by so she can meet you and introduce you to the wonder nurturing staff. She is at the preschool Monday—Friday.



The mission of the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church Preschool and Kindergarten is to expose children to the love of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek to partner with parents in training children to think, speak and act Biblically. Together with parents, we hope to teach the children their incredible worth in God's eyes as a part of His precious creation.

Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord



I hope you have had a good summer and are ready to get busy as Workers in the

clean and pressed for Sunday Services.

Vineyard for another season. In September at PDCPC, activities and events are getting lined up for the rest of the calendar year.

Special "Angels" do appear from time to time! That happened when **Renie & Bill Brandow** appeared to houseclean the main kitchen for us. They cleaned stove, ovens, refrigerators and cabinets using lots of muscle and hard work. They were truly Kitchen Angels and we really do appreciate their volunteering to do this for us.

Some things continue through the summer even though many of you are away. Faithfully showing up each Monday are the counters.

Thank you for your service to the Lord, **Harry Armstrong, Russell Marshall, Stan Breese, Chuck Haver and Larry White.**

"I am the vine and you are the branches. Remain in me and you will bear much fruit."

John 15:5

As fall programs begin, I will probably be asking for Workers in the Vineyard. May God put it in your hearts to help where you are able.

As John 15:5 says, "I am the vine and you are the branches. Remain in me and you will bear much fruit." May we bear much good fruit right here at PDCPC.

Special Kudos to **Sybil Frost**, who during the summer, took the pastors robes and had them cleaned for the fall season. This is a function of the Sanctuary Guild. Thank you, Sybil, for keeping the robes

Love & Prayers,
Shirley Darrow
Volunteer Coordinator

E-CHIMES HAS ARRIVED

E-Chimes is an E-mail publication of news and current happenings at our church. It is being sent regularly to all members for whom we have an E-mail address. If you would like to be included, please send your E-mail address to:

WPARRY5017@AOL.COM OR JUDYBARTH@COX.NET.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered church family rooted in Biblical truth. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are passionately committed to love God through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. As believers, we support one another, serve people in need and proclaim the Gospel message to our community and throughout the world.



Mending Hearts by Maureen Mulcahey—360-1922

Good News!
Thank you.

Our prayers for the many female patients on one of the MERCY SHIPS in Sri Lanka, Africa, are being answered. Last week we sent 2 boxes containing 8 large cot-size blankets and 8 sets of children's blankets, a matching jacket and doll. There are 120 beds on board the ship. About 75 of these are for adults. Let's make it our goal to provide a blanket for each one of them. A big thank you goes to some of our special workers: to **Victoria Allen** for the personal jackets, blankets, and dolls; to

Gene (yes, men do help Mending Hearts) who donated about 100 Beanie Babies; to **Connie Roller**, our newest Mending Hearts member, for being such an instant enthusiastic fringe maker; to our new volunteers (attracted by our large display in Miller Hall) who took newly purchased blankets home to add fringe. Just imagine the love and happiness the recipients will feel.

A personal call from Mercy Ship coordinator Debbie Moore confirmed that our efforts are greatly appreciated. She recently wrote us,

"Thank you so much for

spearheading this journey that will impact many lives, both in Africa and here. Blessings on your day. "

Doesn't that tell us that we are doing the right thing. Let's meet our goal – a blanket for each cot! You can help. Mending Hearts is still in need of Fabric. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check out to PDCPC with Mending Hearts on the Memo Line. All of the donations will be used for the purchase of fabric. May you feel the warmth and love of God as you help provide for one of His own. THANK YOU.